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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

## **Before the Patent Office Board of Appeals**

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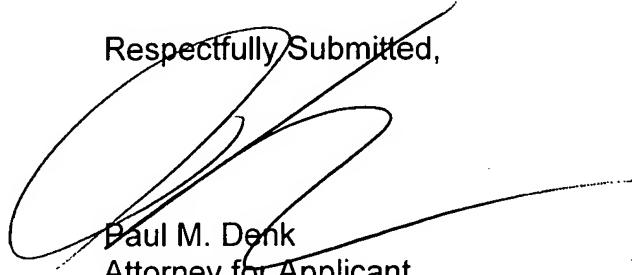
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**REMARKS**

Applicant herein submits an Amendment B, after Final Rejection, and after Briefing on Appeal, in response to the Examiner's new grounds for rejection.

If the Examiner wishes to reopen prosecution, in light of the amendments made herein, she should feel free to do so.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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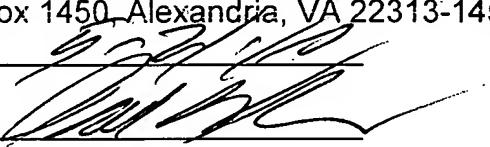


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**AMENDMENT B AFTER BRIEFING ON APPEAL AND IN RESPONSE TO  
EXAMINER'S NEW GROUNDS OF REJECTION SET FORTH IN EXAMINER'S  
ANSWER**

Sir:

This is in response to the examiner's new grounds for rejection dated May 11, 2010, in the appeal before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, for the above identified application.

The examiner added a new grounds for rejection of claims 4 – 14 stating that the claimed invention is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jurasek, U.S. patent No. 3,680,712. This is essentially a repeat of the rejection set forth by the examiner in the initial rejection dated October 12, 2007.

Amendments to these claims begin on page 2.

Remarks to this amendment begin on page 4.